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RESERVE AFFAIRS

Rear Admiral Sally Brice-O'Hara, USCG
Director of Reserve and Training
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second Street SW, Room 5100
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Admiral Brice-O'Hara:

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I offer a happy 65th birthday greeting to the men and women of the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Since February 19, 1941, the nation has relied upon the 'always ready' service of our Coast Guard Reserve.

Since 9/11 nearly 8,900 Coast Guardsmen and women have been mobilized to serve on active duty. Over 400 reservists currently provide vital security at home, serving in our maritime protection zone, our harbors, and in our inland waterways.

Please pass along to the men and woman of the Coast Guard Reserve my grateful appreciation and thanks for their continued service to our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "TF Hall", is written above the printed name.

T. F. Hall